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BUSINESS HONOR STANDARDS.

In an address before the American Economic association, President Jenks of Cornell discusses modern standards of business honor, accepting as a fact the conclusion that modern standards are not what they should be. In one of his paragraphs he said: "The frequency of great fortunes gathered perhaps legally but in ways felt to be unjust, through the power of monopoly, have tended strongly to obscure the moral vision of many well-meaning men who have been thereby led to confound morality with social righteousness; and their acts have formed the excuse for others to break laws which seem to them unjust. The profits from unjust though legal stock watering may well prove more demoralizing in business circles than the illegal freight rebate which saves from ruin a grain shipper caught at a disadvantage."

Although the dispatches give only a summary of President Jenks' discourse, he is quoted as saying, in conclusion, "that there is no legislative panacea for our business ills, and that upon us as individuals rests the responsibility for our improvement." That is to say, the community in its business and social relations will be just as good as and no better than the individuals who compose it.

Professor Jenks might have gone further safely and declared that the decline in business standards of honor is not limited to any class; it is not a monopoly of the rich or a crime of the people of moderate means. Great fortunes have been accumulated honestly and without monopoly, and others have been acquired at the sacrifice of every principle, just as some small tradesmen maintain high standards and others rob their customers by fraud. In the commonest lines of labor the dishonest workmen are found alongside the man who is faithful and conscientious. It is not a question of class or calling, but a matter of human nature that some men will do right at any sacrifice and others will do wrong for gain or for nothing.

It is true, as the educator observed, that the accumulation of some great fortunes by legal but unjust means has been a potent force in the demoralization of business standards; but the time has come when the possession of money or power or position invites scrutiny; the public has awakened to the fact that the maintenance of a high standard of business honor is as desirable now as it ever has been. The man who uses his wealth to construct, to furnish opportunity for his fellow man, finds a reward in appreciation where the man who acquires a fortune by destructive energy, by the creation of monopoly and curtailment of opportunity, is sentenced to the opprobrium of the public and the loss of that esteem from others which is worth more to most men than any amount of money.

The recent change in public sentiment has rapidly brought about a revolution in business standards; and it is not exaggeration to say that the change has acquired such momentum that it will result eventually in a return to the old and better standards of measurement. Public sentiment is doing what no legislation could accomplish.

Old Mount Vesuvius just can't stay normal. It either goes from one extreme to another. The latest from Naples tells us that the summit of Vesuvius is covered with snow.

Representative Gaines of Tennessee thinks absentee congressmen should be docked. Shucks, John Wesley, the country could very well afford to pay most of them for staying away.

DO WOMEN WANT THE BALLOT?

Lady Cook, an American woman who is now one of the leaders of the suffrage movement in England, has been visiting in this country, and she declares American women do not want to vote. In an interview in New York the other day she set forth her conclusions.

"It is apparent," said Lady Cook, "that American women are satisfied to rest content with the privileges granted to their sex through the persistent warfare carried on by Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, my sister, Victoria Woodhull Martin, and myself. The English women are away ahead of us when it comes to demanding the greatest right that has yet to be granted them. Suffrage is assured in England, and within less than another year the woman there will hold the right of the ballot in their hands."

"The movement has grown so magnificently in England I thought I would come over and use my influence and money in rousing the interest to the same heights of success in this country. But I am discouraged and disappointed. So far as I can see, the suffrage movement in America is sleeping or taking an indefinite rest."

"If the women of this country desired suffrage they could have it. The American women possess the power to obtain anything they wish. Just now they are apparently contented with enjoying the privileges which have come to them in the past twenty-five years. They seem to be satisfied that they have all the rights of their brothers save the ballot, which were denied them under penalty of law and social ostracism a quarter of a century ago."

In England within a month some of the suffragettes, as they are called, went to jail for disturbing the peace in an effort to secure a hearing in parliament, and the prisoners included a number of women of prominence socially. Here in America, however, as Lady Cook says, they do not seem to be particularly anxious to vote. Even in the states where they have been given the ballot, as in Utah and Colorado, it seems to be regarded as an onerous obligation rather than a great boon if one may judge by the interest women take in primaries and elections. Another peculiar fact is the unwillingness of women to support nominees of their sex. Here in Salt Lake county it has been observed when there were women candidates on opposing tickets, that they were far behind the other candidates on the same ticket; and there was no doubt but that the falling off was due to the women voters who refused to support women for office.

The compensating feature of women as voters is their undoubted influence on nominating conventions in securing candidates of a higher class than if women were not a factor at the polls. But so long as the American woman is content to delegate to men the voting power—for she could have it if she wanted it herself, as Lady Cook says—just that long will the agitation for universal suffrage in the United States remain an academic question.

BOSTON'S QUEER COMMISSIONER

Staid old Boston has been having a novel experience with Stephen O'Meara, formerly newspaper publisher and now police commissioner. It seems that Mr. O'Meara has some curious notions about public office. Among other things he believes in working just a little harder than any man who ever held the job, and the way he has shaken up the dry bones in the town of baked beans has made the inhabitants all sit up and take notice. Then again, the commissioner believes city ordinances were made to enforce, even the little ones designed to contribute to public safety and comfort.

In the course of his brief tenure Mr. O'Meara has stopped the distribution of waste paper about the streets, he has made property-owners clear the sidewalks of snow and ice, stopped coasting on dangerous hills, taken all the whistles off the peanut stands, stopped siren whistles at night in the railroad switching yards, put a quietus on the fools who set fire to other people's property by the indiscriminate use of fireworks, improved the discipline of the police force and limited the use of clubs and revolvers to great emergencies, relieved the congestion of vehicles in the shopping districts, organized a trial board for the hearing of complaints against officers, regulated cab service for the protection of the public and accomplished a number of less important improvements in this branch of the city government—and all within six months.

The Boston people like the O'Meara system so well they keep on talking about it and threaten to make his place a life job as nearly as the state constitution will allow. Even the politicians who usually mix in with the police management, are willing to concede that the plan works beautifully. Instead of promotions on the force by "pull" or favor, all advancement is by merit. Instead of having officers demoralized by lax discipline and political interference, the whole force takes a pride in the service and does what it is meant to do—protect the public in life, property, health and comfort. In this service Mr. O'Meara's experience as a newspaper man is invaluable because he has learned to know what the public wants and he also knows how to give it to them. Salt Lake could profit by his example—if it would.

Of course you had a merry, merry Christmas, but aren't you just a wee bit glad it's all over?

SOCIETY

The first cotillion of the season was given last evening at Unity hall, the Misses Anna and Genevieve McCormick being the hostesses at the affair. The hall was gay with the Yuletide decorations, wreaths of holly hanging on all the side lights and around the walls, while the central chandeliers were hung with great clusters of mistletoe tied with red satin ribbons, with showers of small red ribbons falling from them. On the lower floor, where the supper was served, small tables were laid for the guests, and each was decorated with a holly wreath surrounding a crystal candlestick with red candles and shade. The Christmas idea prevailed in all the decorations, which were elaborate and at the same time tasteful.

Joseph E. Caine led the German, dancing the first half of the set with Miss McCormick, and the second half with Miss Genevieve. Six sets of favors were given, the first partners being chosen by number and the second by progression. The favors were all unique, many of them being made of paper and most of them simple but effective. The two tables were in charge of Mrs. Arthur H. S. Bird, and she was assisted by Mrs. Joseph E. Caine. Mrs. Randolph Thompson of Helena and Mrs. W. Montague Perry. In the German there were forty-four couples dancing, and a few friends were present to look on.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis S. Gates are rejoicing over the arrival of their daughter, who came to them Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hanchetta will entertain a party of friends at the Schumann-Heink concert next Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bokrud entertain at a dinner tonight for Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rood.

Mrs. E. L. Miles will leave today for her former home in Virginia.

The dance to be given by the Alpha Phi fraternity will take place tonight. The affair is the big event of the holiday season for the young people of that institution.

The college boys who are home for the holidays will give a dance this evening at the Ladies' Literary club.

Mrs. John Reed of Denver passed through the city last evening on her way to visit her mother in Seattle. She will be away for a few months.

The Misses Hanauer entertained a few friends at an informal Kensington yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. J. H. Young of Denver.

Yale Pfoutz, the small son of Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Pfoutz, entertained a number of his friends at a dance last evening at the Pfoutz home on East First South street.

Mrs. Wayne Hemphill will resume her Tuesdays at home for the winter at 162 J street.

Miss Cecelia Sharp has gone to Rexburg, Ida., to visit her mother, Mrs. Sharp, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bransford left yesterday for Los Angeles, where they will remain for a month or more.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Snell leave today for Caldwell, Ida., to spend the holidays there.

Mrs. T. L. Mitchell left yesterday for Los Angeles.

Miss Emma Lucy Gates left yesterday for Chicago, where she is to sing before Manager Newman. She goes from there to New York, where she will spend the winter with Miss Maud May Babcock, and later they will sail early in April for a six months' stay abroad.

Mrs. Charles A. Walker was called to Denver last evening by the sudden serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Foote.

Mrs. Emerson F. Root, who has spent the past few months in the east, returned for the holidays, but will spend the remainder of the winter in Los Angeles.

The marriage of Miss Henrietta Stein and Joseph A. Blumberg took place yesterday at 6 o'clock at the home of the Lovenshteins on Third street. The ceremony was performed by Rabbi C. J. Freund and Rev. Dr. Bileky, only the relatives and few close friends witnessing it. The bride was attended by Miss Ella Lovenshtein as maid of honor, while Miss Jean Glazier and Miss Sophia Beckman were the bridesmaids. She was also attended by her mother, Mrs. S. R. Stein. Ben Stein was the best man, and Sam Stein and Max Otenheimer were the ushers. Little Sara Blumberg, the sister of the groom, was the flower girl, and the ribbon-bearers were Sherman Lovenshtein and Herman Shrivitsky.

Following the ceremony a supper was served for the guests, and Mr. and Mrs. Blumberg left on a short wedding trip. They will be at home after their return at No. 7 Hawkes court. The bride wore a gown of radium silk over tulle, and carried a shower of bride's roses. Miss Lovenshtein's gown was of pale blue and the two maids were dressed in white.

The Daughters of the Pioneers will hold a house-warming this afternoon at 4 o'clock in their new rooms in the Lion house. They will serve an old-fashioned tea, many of the members bringing a picnic luncheon to constitute the refreshments. Doughnuts, dried apple pies and composition tea will be features of the "tea."

Mrs. Martha Royle King gives a song recital this evening introducing her pupil, Miss Hallie Gilbert Foster, at the Y. M. C. A. The young singer will be assisted by Willard Walhe and Miss Edith Burns and Mrs. W. S. Loomis.

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